

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS

IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The New Jersey Board of Acupuncture Examiners is proposing amendments to its regulation that will change the form and content of its examination. The Board has determined to recognize the results of the NCCAOM examination (taken in English) as its clinical examination. The NCCAOM examination must have been taken after 2003 and is required to include the "Bio-Medicine Module." These changes will take effect immediately.

In addition to the NCCAOM examination, applicants will be required to complete a forty (40) question written examination on Acupuncture Safety and Jurisprudence (ASJ Exam). The examination focuses on acupuncture safety issues such as: contraindications to acupuncture treatment, needling safety, "Universal Precautions," sterilization and infection control. The remaining questions relate to the laws and regulations governing acupuncture practice in the State of New Jersey. A copy of the current laws (also called "statutes") and regulations were supplied with your application. They can also be requested by calling the Board office at (973) 273-8092, or can be downloaded (in Microsoft Word format) from the Board's Web site at: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/acupuncture.htm>.

Until the end of 2006, the ASJ examination will be offered on three dates:

Friday, September 29; Friday, October 27 and Friday, December 1. The examination will be offered quarterly beginning in 2007. Examinations will be offered at 10:00 AM and at 1:30 PM on each date. It will be held at the Board offices at: 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey. When your application is deemed complete, and you are found qualified to take the examination, you will receive notice advising you of the available dates and requesting that you inform the Board office to schedule you for a specific date. The fee for the examination is \$100.00. If you pass the examination, you will then be provided notice to pay the biennial license fee (\$135) and will be issued a certificate valid until June 30, 2007.

For other applicants who may have completed the NCCAOM examination prior to 2003 (which did not include the "Bio-Medicine module"), and until the Board has adopted its new regulations, there are two options to obtain the necessary requirements for licensure:

Take and successfully pass the NCCAOM "Bio-Medicine" test; or

Take and successfully pass the current, three-part New Jersey Clinical Examination. This examination will continue to be offered twice per year until the new regulations are adopted. The next full examination will be offered on Friday, December 1, 2006. The filing deadline for new applicants is November 1, 2006.

Candidates who have taken and failed the New Jersey Clinical Examination in the past may continue to re-take the examination until the regulations are passed - - or may choose to take the NCCAOM "Bio-Medicine" examination. After the adoption of the regulations, applicants will be required to use the NCCAOM option. All candidates are required to also successfully pass the ASJ examination.